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SPRING MEETING AT CLEMSON

The spring meeting of the Carolina Bird Club will be held in Clemson, South Carolina April 29 through May 1, 1988. At the winter meeting in January at Nags Head it was announced that the spring meeting was tentatively scheduled for the middle of May, but several important conflict arose over this date. Many members did not want to have the meeting on the weekend of May 6-8 because of local big days and spring counts. The Clemson area should be perfect for some good birding on the last weekend in April. This is the time when the Clemson birders have had their "big days" and spring migration can sometimes be quite spectacular. The location is so much closer to the major spring migration corridor that starts on the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico and moves northeastward to the eastern deciduous forests where millions of songbirds breed.

The programs for Friday and Saturday evenings will feature some of the findings that have been discovered recently by professors and graduate students doing research with birds in the Carolinas. Field trips are planned for Saturday (most of the day) and Sunday morning. Several excellent birding areas can be reached within a half hour of Clemson, and warbler migration should be close to peaking. Maps and checklists will be provided for those wishing to bird on their own.

Registration will be from 3:30 PM until 7:30 PM at the Holiday Inn of Clemson which will be our headquarters. The evening programs will begin at 8:00 PM at Clemson University with details provided at the registration desk. The Holiday Inn is located on Highway 123 next to Lake Hartwell, and all rooms are being offered at a flat rate of $42.00. Less expensive accomodations are available at the Thunderbird Motor Inn, a smaller motel on Highway 123 about a mile from the Holiday Inn. If you wish reservations at this motel you should call them at 803-654-4605 as soon as possible. A reservation form for the Holiday Inn is provided in the Newsletter.

Please remember that we hold elections for CBC officers at the spring meeting, and it is important that you attend. We will have a great time!

REPORT OF THE WINTER MEETING

CBC president, Sid Gauthreaux, had billed it as a "birding" meeting--no social hour--no fancy audio-visuals--no famous speakers. And would you believe it--our winter meeting on the North Carolina outer banks really turned out that way! Even the birds showed up. The Saturday night count down totaled 158 species; exceeding the excellent registration of 146 birders. Some birders showed up who didn't even know about the meeting. Raleigh lawyers, Bill Joslin and Charles Blanchard and their wives, came to Nags Head to do a little birding on their own and discovered our group when they checked in the Armada Inn. They promptly joined the meeting and the Club.

Our success on the field trips Saturday shouldn't have been any surprise, however. On Friday evening we were thoroughly briefed on gull identification by David Lee from the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. He even brought along a table full of his stuffed friends from the Museum on which we could practice our newly gained skills. John Fussell, Wayne Irvin and Mike Tove assisted with slides and helpful hints on field identification.

Field trip coordinator, Harry LeGrand, lined up an outstanding group of field trip leaders in Derb Carter, Merrill Lynch, Mike Tove, Ricky Davis, John Fussell and John Wright.

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NEW CHAT EDITOR NAMED

When Eloise Potter announced her plans to step down as editor of THE CHAT, a post she had held since 1963, there was general concern about where to look for a successor. Eloise had set the standard high. Fortunately the answer came in time for CBC president Sid Gauthreaux to recommend Dr. Herbert Thomas Hendrickson of Greensboro, NC to the Executive Committee during its meeting at Nags Head January 29. Herb is currently an Associate Professor of Biology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; having joined the faculty in 1968. He received the B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University. He is the author of an introductory biology text, ESSENTIAL BIOLOGY, as well as its instructor's manual. A member of the Carolina Bird Club since 1984, Herb has been an active contributor to "Brief for the Files" in THE CHAT. He is a member of the AOU as well as the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies and seven other professional societies. The author of numerous scientific articles in the fields of both ornithology and herpetology, Herb has an understanding of the editorial process. The Carolina Bird Club welcomes Herb Hendrickson as the new editor of THE CHAT.

Eloise Potter and Herb Hendrickson chat at winter meeting.

NEW HEADQUARTERS SECRETARY

CBC president, Sid Gauthreaux has announced the appointment of Laura Becker as CBC Headquarters Secretary. Laura succeeds Shari Buckley who is expecting her second child in April.

Laura is from Memphis, TN and holds the Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from Auburn and the M.A.T. in Science Education from Memphis State. She and her husband, Dan, moved to Raleigh when he became the Preservation Planner for the City of Raleigh. Laura is Publications Assistant in the NC Museum of Natural Sciences.

COVER MATERIAL NEEDED

The editor of THE CHAT earnestly seeks suitable material for use on covers of future issues. Both black and white photo prints and pen and ink line drawings of birds will be considered for publication. The subjects do not have to be rare occurrences in the Carolinas to be acceptable. Primary emphasis for selection will be based on quality of the work. Submission does not guarantee publication. Send entries to:

Dr. H. T. Hendrickson, Editor
Department of Biology, UNC at Greensboro
Greensboro, NC 27412

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee will present the following nominees at the CBC annual meeting on April 30, 1988 at Clemson, South Carolina:

President	Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr. Clemson, SC
Vice-President (SC)	Robin Carter
Secretary	Simon Thompson Tryon, NC
Treasurer	(to be announced)
Member-at-Large (SC)	Greg Cornwell Taylors, SC
(ENC)	(to be announced)
(WNC)	William H. Hough Pisgah Forest, NC

WINTER MEETING REPORT CONTINUED...

Especially helpful was Bod Odear and his 4 wheel drive vehicle in which we chased wildly after a flock of Snow Buntings on the beach at Salvo.

Again there was no formal program Saturday night, but Derb Carter, Wayne Irvin, Ricky Davis, Mike Tove and John Fussell contributed slides of rare and unusual birds seen in North Carolina in recent years. Ricky's success in following up on birds listed on the CBC Rare-Bird-Alert inspired some of us to seek out the Sandhill Crane reported to be feeding in a pen of Canada Geese near Lake Matamuskeet as we headed back home on Sunday. We understood why the Crane had stopped there when we noticed that the pen was right outside the little community of Nebraska. He was probably a first year bird who started migration a little early and misread his map.

704-332-BIRD

The CBC Rare-Bird-Alert has been extremely successful with 50 to 100 calls a week. It has been so successful in fact that the Executive Committee had to authorize replacement of worn out equipment at the winter meeting.

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Membership Application and Order Form

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (___)_____(home) (___)_____(business)

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_____CBC Decals (water type) 75c (1) 50c each in quantity
_____Daily Checklists 10/$1; 25/$1.25; 50/$2.50; 75/$3.75; 100/$5.00
_____Birds of the Carolinas $13.45 plus $1.25 for mailing
_____Amphibians and Reptiles of the Carolinas
$13.45 plus $1.25 for mailing

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HOLIDAY INN RESERVATION FORM
Carolina Bird Club Spring Meeting, April 29-May 1, 1988

NAME_____ ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

Please reserve ____room(s) at $42.00 per night plus tax. My check for the first night's lodging is enclosed. I will arrive_____ and depart_____.

Mail with deposit to HOLIDAY INN OF CLEMSON, Box 512, Clemson, SC 29633 Tel. 803-654-4450

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REGISTRATION FORM
CBC Spring Meeting, April 29-May 1, 1988

NAME(S)_____

ADDRESS_____ CITY_____ STATE____ ZIP_____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $_____ for ____registrations at $5.00 each.

Mail to CAROLINA BIRD CLUB, INC., PO Box 2764, Raleigh, NC 27611

Welcome New Members

JANE BAXLEY
Varnville, SC

JAMES D. BECKWITH
Raleigh, NC

Mrs. JOANNE BEHRER
New Bern, NC

Dr. RITCHIE H. BELSER
Edisto Island, SC

EDWIN BLAAUW, JR.
Hendersonville, NC

M/M CHARLES BLANCHARD
Raleigh, NC

JAMES BOMBENGER
Connelly Springs, NC

MATTHEW CAMPBELL
Spartanburg, SC

JOHN D. CHEESBOROUGH
Sanford, NC

BERNICE & JOHN CROSS
Brevard, NC

THOMAS FERGUSON
Hendersonville, NC

DAVID FRECH
Charlotte, NC

WILLIAM & SUSAN HOFACKER
Anderson, SC

RONALD HOWELL
Lydia, SC

Mrs. ELIZABETH D. JOHNSON
Sumter, SC

WILLIAM & MARY JOSLIN
Raleigh, NC

KENNETH & DOROTHY LATEYRE
Hatteras, NC

LADDIE L. MUNGER
Cary, NC

JUNE ORAVITS
Alexandria, VA

NANCY PARRISH
Winston-Salem, NC

GREG PEVERALL
Fayetteville, NC

HAROLD PIERCE
Wilmington, NC

MICHAEL & DONNA RATLEDGE
McClellanville, SC

STANLEY RIGGS
Greenville, NC

SAMUED RODGERS
Kingstree, SC

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Columbia, SC

ALEXANDER SMITH
Goldsboro, NC

ALISTAIR SMITH
Columbia, SC

EVELYN SNIDER
Conway, SC

HENRY & WESLYN STRICKLAND
Greensboro, NC

CAROL TINGLEY
Chapel Hill, NC

PATRICIA JOY WATTS
Taylors, SC

MORRIS E. WHITFIELD
Fayetteville, NC

DECEASED

The Carolina Bird Club notes with regret the death of the following members:

HELEN MYERS
Charlotte, NC

MARY KELLER WINTYEN
Southern Pines, NC

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